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SUBJ: ENERGY LOS: GOI-GVN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE

REF: A) JAKARTA 6916 (NOT CARACAS)

B. JAKARTA 6328 (NOT CARACAS)

C. JAKARTA 7994

SUMMARY: IN DISCUSSION WITH JUSTICE MINISTER MOCHTAR
JUNE 27 I AGAIN NOTED USG CONCERN OVER GOI-GVN CONTINENTAL
SHELF DISPUTE, SUGGESTING THAT MATTER MIGHT BE DISCUSSED
BY TWO COUNTRIES' DELEGATION CHIEFS AT CARACAS.
MOCHTAR SEEMED DOUBTFUL ABOUT CARACAS VENUE BUT NOTED
THAT LETTER IS BEING SENT THROUGH PERTAMINA INVITING
SOUTH VIENTAMESE TO VISIT JAKARTA TO DISCUSS QUESTION.
MEANWHILE WE HAVE RECEIVED COPY OF MINING DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM TO DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ASKING PROTECTION OF
AGIP AND SUGGESTING INDONESIA TAKE HARD LINE WITH
VIETNAMESE IN ANY DISCUSSIONS (REF CM
SUGGEST SAIGON MAY WISH TO CHECK IN NEAR FUTURE TO SEE
WHETHER LETTER OF INVITATION HAS BEEN RECIEVED. END SUMMARY

1. IN MEETING WITH JUSTICE MINISTER (AND CHIEF INDONESIAN
LOS EXPERT) MOCHTAR JUNE 27 I AGAIN RAISED QUESTION OF
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GOI-GVN CONTINENTAL SHELF (REFS A AND B) REITERATING

THAT USG NEITHER WISHED NOR INTENDED TO BECOME INVOLVED, BUT VERY MUCH HOPED TWO SIDES COULD FIND MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION. I SAID IT HAD BEEN SUGGESTED THAT CARACAS OUGHT BE OPPORTUNITY FOR TWO SIDES TO MEET, ALTHOUGH I REALIZED THAT PROBLEM WAS NOT BEING HANDLED IN LOS CONTEXT. WE HAD HEARD THAT GVN FOREIGN MINISTER MIGHT BE IN CARACAS FOR SHORT TIME.

2. MOCHTAR, AFTER LAUGHINGLY SUGGESTING THAT HE WOULD NOT MIND USG INTERVENTION IF IT RESULTED IN A SOLUTION FAVORABLE TO INDONESIA, STATED THAT HE WAS NOT CERTAIN IDEA OF GOI-GVN TALKS IN CARACAS FEASIBLE SINCE MINING DEPARTMENT LEGAL ADVISOR (MANOE) WHO EXPERT THIS MATTER WOULD ONLY BE IN CARACAS THREE WEEKS, WHILE ANOTHER QUALIFIED PERTAMINA OFFICIAL, HARSONO, UNABLE TO ARRIVE THERE UNTIL MID-AUGUST. MOCHTAR IMPLIED HE WOULD NOT WISH TO UNDERTAKE DISCUSSIONS WITH GVN WITHOUT SENIOR BACKSTOPPING FROM MINING DEPARTMENT.

3. IN MORE POSITIVE VEIN MOCHTAR NOTED THAT ON JUNE 26 HE LEARNED THAT, THROUGH ENGINEER TRISULO OF PERTAMINA (DIRECTOR, EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION) A LETTER WOULD BE GOING TO SVN COUNTERPARTS INVITING THEM TO COME TO INDONESIA TO HOLD TALKS ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR MARCH BUT NOT HELD WHEN VIETNAMESE FAILED TO APPEAR. VIETNAMESE HAD INTERNAL PROBLEMS IN RESPONDING TO EARLIER INVITATION, BUT GOI UNDERSTOOD THESE MIGHT NOW BE RESOLVED.

4. COMMENT: THIS AND EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH MOCHTAR (REF B) REINFORCES IMPRESSION THAT HARDNESS OF INDONESIAN POSITION AT LEAST PARTLY DUE TO BRUISED FEELINGS OVER REAL OR IMAGINED SLIGHT WHEN GVN REPRESENTATIVES FAILED TO VISIT JAKARTA IN MARCH. SUGGEST EMBASSY SAIGON MAY WISH TO CHECK IN NEAR FUTURE TO SEE WHETHER LETTER OF INVITATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. HOPEFULLY, IF INVITATION PROFERRED, VIETNAMESE WILL ACCEPT IT.
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